

Application No. 10/588,545

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT dated December 1, 2011

Reply to Office Action of September 20, 2011

Attorney Docket 7383-88964-US

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending in the application. In the Office Action, a restriction/election requirement has been made, stating that the application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicants are required to elect one of the following species. If Species A is elected, Applicants are further required to elect between Subspecies A1 or A2.

Species A – Figures 1A and 1B

Subspecies A1 – Figure 1A

Subspecies A2 – Figure 1B

Species B – Figure 2

Species C – Figure 3

Species D – Figure 4

Species E – Figure 5

Species F – Figures 6 and 7

Species G – Figures 8, 9, 10A, and 10B

Species H – Figures 11-14

Species I – Figure 15

Species J – Figure 16

Species K – Figures 17 and 18

Species L – Figure 19

Species M – Figure 20

Species N – Figure 21

Species O – Figure 22

Species P – Figure 23

Species Q – Figure 24

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Species R — Figures 25 and 26

Species S — Figures 27 and 28

Species T — Figures 29 and 30

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species F. However, Applicants believe that the Office Action incorrectly identifies which figures belong to the same alleged species. More specifically, Figures 6, 7, 8, and 9 all illustrate the same embodiment. The figures simply show different views of the same structure. Therefore, Applicants assert that Species F should include Figures 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Moreover, Applicants traverse the restriction of the alleged species. As indicated in the Office Action, a national stage application shall relate to one invention only or to a group of inventions so linked as to form a single general inventive concept. Applicants assert that the alleged species are all linked so as to form a single general inventive concept. More specifically, the inventive concept includes a system having a brake which is actuated to maintain the piston in position by an increase in hydraulic pressure in the system. This feature is indicated generally throughout the alleged species, such as shown in Figures 2-30. Therefore, Applicants assert that all claims read on the single general inventive concept.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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